

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application. Claims 1-23 and 33-34 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claim 32 is currently canceled without prejudice. Claim 35 is currently amended. Claims 24-31 and 36-39 are previously presented. Claims 24-31 and 35-39 are pending in this application.

Interview Summaries

Applicant's attorney, Michael Colby, wishes to thank Primary Examiner King Poon for telephonic interviews on October 30th, 2006, and November 7th, 2006.

Applicant's attorney and Primary Examiner Poon discussed rejected independent claims 24 and 35. Primary Examiner Poon agreed to allow independent claim 24 without further amendment. Examiner Poon did not agree to allow independent claim 35.

In the interest of expediting allowance of the application, and without conceding the propriety of the rejection, Applicant's attorney proposed to amend independent claim 35 to further clarify features of Applicant's invention. Applicant's attorney understood the Examiner to agree that the proposed amendment, which is made herein to claim 35, renders claim 35 allowable.

Previously Allowed Claims

In the Final Office Action the Office allowed Claims 28 and 39.

Rejected Claims

Independent claims 24, 32, and 35 and their respective dependent claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Applicant cancels independent claim 32. The Office indicated that claim 24 is allowable without amendment and that claim 35 is allowable as currently amended. Claims depending from either claim 24 or 35 are also allowable as depending on an allowable independent claim and for their own recited features.

Conclusion

Applicant's attorney understood the Office to agree that all of the pending independent claims are allowable. As all of the other pending claims depend from allowable independent claims, all of the other pending claims are also allowable.

Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such unresolved matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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